

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 7, 9, 16, 18, 56, 58, 68 and 77 to 79 without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter. Please amend the remaining claims, as follows:

1. (Canceled)

2. (Previously Presented) The apparatus according to claim 55, further comprising condition holding means for holding information of the print job, and wherein the information informed from said informing means includes information of the print job held by said condition holding means.

3. (Currently Amended) The apparatus according to claim 55, wherein ~~the plural external apparatus is informed~~ apparatuses are connected via a communication network, and said informing means informs all connected external apparatuses ~~connected via the communication network~~.

4. (Canceled)

5. (Currently Amended) The apparatus according to claim 55, wherein said determination means ~~determines whether~~ makes its determination based on contents of the condition acquired by said condition acquisition ~~means indicate a power-OFF notice signal~~.

6. to 10. (Canceled)

11. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 57, further comprising a condition holding step of holding information of the print job, and wherein the information informed in the informing step includes information of the print job held in the condition holding step.

12. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 57, wherein ~~the external apparatus is informed~~ plural external apparatuses are connected via a communication network, and the informing step includes a step of informing all connected external apparatuses ~~connected via the communication network~~.

13. (Canceled)

14. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 57, wherein the determination step ~~includes a step of determining whether~~ makes its determination based on contents of the condition acquired in said condition acquisition step ~~indicate a power-OFF notice signal~~.

15. to 54 (Canceled)

55. (Currently Amended) A print controlling apparatus for controlling a printing unit to print data corresponding to a print job, comprising:

reception means for receiving from the printing unit a signal indicating that a condition of the printing unit has changed;

condition acquisition means for acquiring the condition of the printing unit in response to the signal;

determination means for determining based on the acquired condition whether a change in the condition of the printing unit corresponds to a power-OFF notice; and

informing means for informing an external apparatus that a power supply is scheduled to be turned off when said determination means determines that the change in the condition of the printing unit corresponds to the power-OFF notice,

wherein when said determination means determines that the change in the condition of the printing unit corresponds to the power-OFF notice, the power supply is turned off after said informing means informs the external apparatus that the power supply is scheduled to be turned off.

56. (Cancelled)

57. (Currently Amended) A print controlling method for controlling a printing unit to print data corresponding to a print job, comprising:

a reception step of receiving from the printing unit a signal indicating that a condition of the printing unit has changed;

a condition acquisition step of acquiring the condition of the printing unit in response to the signal;

a determination step of determining based on the acquired condition whether a change in the condition of the printing unit corresponds to a power-OFF notice; and

an informing step of informing an external apparatus that a power supply is scheduled to be turned off when ~~it is determined in~~ said determination step determines that the change in the condition of the printing unit corresponds to the power-OFF notice,

wherein when it is determined in said determination step that the change in the condition of the printing unit corresponds to the power-OFF notice, the power supply is turned off after said informing step informs the external apparatus that the power supply is scheduled to be turned off.

58. to 66 (Cancelled)

67. (Currently Amended) A computer program product loadable into an internal memory of a digital computer for controlling a printing unit to print data corresponding to a print job, comprising program code portions for performing the steps of:

receiving from the printing unit a signal indicating that a condition of the printing unit has changed;

acquiring the condition of the printing unit in response to the signal;
determining based on the acquired condition whether a change in the
condition of the printing unit corresponds to a power-OFF notice; and
informing an external apparatus that a power supply is scheduled to be
turned off when it is determined that the change in the condition of the printing unit
corresponds to the power-OFF notice,
wherein when it is determined that the change in the condition of the
printing unit correspond to the power-OFF notice, the power supply is turned off after the
external apparatus is informed that the power supply is scheduled to be turned off.

68. to 79 (Cancelled)